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For: METHOD FOR EXTRACTING FINGERPRINT
FEATURE DATA USING RIDGE
ORIENTATION MODEL

Examiner: C. Kim

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated September 10, 2004, for which a response was due on December 10, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to February 10, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Amendment to the Drawings** begin on page 6. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper. Replacement drawings have been appended following page 10 of this paper.